

REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 24, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Claims 1-3, 5-10 and 13 are now pending in this Application. Claim 13 has been indicated as being in condition for allowance. Claims 1 and 13 are independent claims and the remaining claims are dependent claims. In this Amendment, claims 1 and 13 have been amended and claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled. A version of the claims containing markings to show the changes made is included hereinabove. Applicants believe that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

The Examiner objected to claims 11-13 as not defining HDLC. Claim 13 has been amended to define the term HDLC, and claim 1 has been amended to include claims 11 and 12 and to define the term HDLC. Accordingly, the objection to claims 11-13 is believed to have been overcome.

The Examiner indicated that claim 13 was allowable and that claims 11 and 12 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 11 and 12, and claims 11 and 12 have been canceled. Accordingly, claim 1 is now allowable, along with claim 13. Claims 2-3, and 5-10 depend from claim 1 and are believed allowable as they depend from a base claim which is believed allowable.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3 and 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent no. 6,735,454 to Mohammadian et al. (hereinafter Mohammadian) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,516,053 to Ryan et al. (hereinafter Ryan). The Examiner also rejected claims 9-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mohammadian in view of Ryan and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,662,211 to Weller (hereinafter Weller).

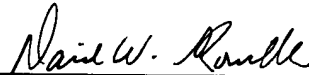
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As discussed above, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 11 and 12, and is now allowable. Further, claims 2-3 and 5-10 depend from claim 1 and are believed allowable as they depend from a base claim which is allowable. Accordingly, the rejections under §103(a) in view of Mohammadian, Ryan and/or Weller are believed to have been overcome, placing claims 1-3, 5-10 and 13 in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance hereof is respectfully requested.

There is no fee required. If the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office deems a fee necessary, this fee may be charged to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 50-3735.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-9660, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

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